

## Dates for the Diary

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Year 12 AP1 Assessments

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

### Year 11 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS  
EVERYTHING**

## House Points - Week Ending 24<sup>th</sup> January



25,397  
AUSTEN



23,913  
ALI



17,510  
HAWKING



15,341  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message - Importance of EBacc

I am excited to have been appointed Head of EBacc Faculty (Key Stage 4) at Basildon Upper Academy.

I have been in education for nearly 30 years, and have worked in four other secondary schools in that time, taking on numerous roles from LSA to Head of Year.

As Head of Faculty I will be overseeing the following departments at Key Stage 4: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and MFL (Modern Foreign Languages).

In my role I will continue to develop integration between departments, ensuring our students have the best possible support in their learning across the whole curriculum. The subjects are considered essential to many degrees and careers, so securing the best possible outcomes keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.



I want to have a positive impact on the lives and futures of our students, and to support my colleagues as they strive to do the same. I look forward to meeting new students, staff and parent/carers as I strive to make sure all students get the grade they deserve through their hard work and commitment.

**L.Hendy**  
EBacc Lead

## Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of jumpers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

★ Year 10 - Timi.N (R10S1)

★ Year 11 - Maria.P (R11U2)

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk) which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

[www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

## School Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Wednesday  
Breaktime

Location:  
The Medical Room



## Spotlight on: A Level Creative Media



Are you curious to know how films, TV shows or online videos streams are made? This course is designed to be a hands on course that enables you to have an insight into industry practices. You will develop and build skills in production and editing.

This is a challenging subject in which you will develop multidisciplinary practice. Students will incorporate technical skills in moving images, character environment, sound and graphics.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [A Level Creative Media](#)

## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).



## Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our car parks.



## PET-Xi Workshops Support Year 11 Success

Building on the success of last year's sessions, PET-Xi returned last week to deliver workshops for our Year 11 students in English, Maths, and Science.

Throughout the week, small groups worked closely with PET-Xi's expert tutors, who used innovative and highly effective teaching methods to help students grasp key concepts and build their confidence. This year, we expanded the program to include English Literature workshops, giving students even more opportunities to excel.

Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the sessions as extremely beneficial and even volunteering for additional days. We're confident these workshops will lead to significant improvements in students' AP2 results and provide a boost as they prepare for their GCSE exams in May.



PET Xi will be returning in the Summer Term to support our Year 10 students as they prepare for their Summer Exams.

"It was a good and engaging experience that has helped me with my revision strategies and how I will handle exam questions." Alfie.J

"The Pet-Xi interventions were interesting and interactive. The tutors taught us useful ways to revise." Sophie.A

"They teach in a way you can easily understand. The way we revised was really fun and efficient too." Aidan.J



## Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at [admin@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:admin@basildonacademies.org.uk) with the updated information.

## Thrilling First Leg for Girls' Football Team

Well done to our girls' football team who put on a fantastic performance in the first leg of a two-legged tie against James Hornsby School, narrowly losing 5-4 in an exciting away fixture.

The match was evenly contested, with both teams showing great skill and determination. Goals from Maka.M, Luka.D, Lois.N and Michelle.A kept the game close, but James Hornsby's goalkeeper delivered some outstanding saves that proved decisive.

Special congratulations to Phoenix, who was named Player of the Match for her incredible effort throughout the game.

The girls had a brilliant time and are looking forward to the return leg, which will be played at home. Stay tuned as the team looks to turn the tie around!



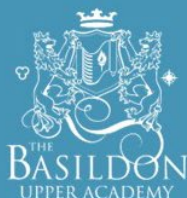
## Online Safety Hub: Is Your Teen Using Tech to Cover Their Tracks?

From the simple act of deleting browser history or minimising a window to more sophisticated techniques like decoy apps and VPNs, young people who want to keep their online activity hidden will continue to look for innovative ways. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to teens using technology to cover their tracks online.

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online.

You can access it for free here:

[Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Before School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Park Run (Open to all staff &amp; students) 7.45am start</li> </ul> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gym Club (Max 30 spaces)</li> </ul> <p><b>After School:</b></p> <p>Netball</p>	<p><b>After School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gym Club (Max 30 spaces)</li> </ul>	<p><b>After School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball</li> </ul>	<p><b>After School:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Studies Intervention</li> <li>Badminton</li> </ul>	

What the schools stand for and promote is highly visible and consistent on each site from the values agreed with students to the diversity represented by the key figures the school's houses are named after.



Excellence in Pupil Development Award

2023-2026

## Year 12 AP1, commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

	8.30 start		1pm start	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Maths AS Paper 1	2 hours	Chemistry	1 hour 30 mins
	Maths GCSE Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Psychology Paper 1	
	Food Science and Nutrition	1 hour 45 mins	Maths Functional Skills P1	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	English Literature Paper 1	1 hour	Engineering	1 hours 30 mins
	English Language GCSE Paper 1	1 hr 45 mins	Sociology Paper 1	
	Geography	2 hour 30 mins		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	English Literature Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins		
	Accounting	1 hour 30 mins	Maths GCSE Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins
	Physics	1 hour 30 mins	IT Part 1	2 hours
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths AS Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Maths Functional Skills P2	
	English Language GCSE Paper 2	1 hr 45 mins	Biology	1 hour 30 mins
	IT Part 1	3 hours		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3D Design	All Day	3D Design	All day
	Maths GCSE Paper 3	1 hour 30 mins		
	Computing	2 hours		

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## Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- Parents/carers must contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- Wherever possible, parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.



Please familiarise yourself with our attendance procedures found on the school website within the Parent Information section, so you know who and when you need to contact us. [www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

**Did you know?** **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

**MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK**



**LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.**

**Target 97%+**

## Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184** days a year.

**175**  
days are **NOT**  
spent in school  
each year.\*

\* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.



### SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

### VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

### WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.

# Happy Lunar New Year 2025

To celebrate Lunar New Year  
and Chinese New Year, Chinese  
themed lunches will be available  
in the Dining Hall on  
Wednesday 29th January



## NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY

Thursday 30th January

To celebrate National Croissant Day on Thursday  
30th January, The Dining Hall will be serving the  
following items at break time for 50p each;

- Plain Croissant
- Pain au Chocolat
- Savoury Croissant (Ham or Cheese)



# BASILDON ACADEMIES

## WORD OF THE DAY

27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Monday: <b>Holocaust Memorial Day</b>	<b>Commemoration (Noun)</b> <i>Definition:</i> The action of remembering and honouring a person or event, often with a formal ceremony. <i>Example:</i> The commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day includes ceremonies and educational events to honour the victims.
Tuesday:	<b>Testimony (Noun)</b> <i>Definition:</i> A formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law. <i>Example:</i> Survivor testimonies play a crucial role in Holocaust Memorial Day observances, providing personal accounts of the atrocities.
Wednesday: <b>Lunar / Chinese New Year</b>	<b>Zodiac (Noun)</b> <i>Definition:</i> A circle of twelve 30° divisions of celestial longitude that are centered upon the ecliptic; also refers to the animals associated with each division in Chinese astrology. <i>Example:</i> : The Chinese zodiac plays a significant role in the celebrations of the Lunar New Year.
Thursday: <b>National Croissant Day</b>	<b>Gastronomy (Noun)</b> <i>Definition:</i> The practice or art of choosing, cooking, and eating good food. <i>Example:</i> National Croissant Day is an opportunity to appreciate the art of gastronomy and the culinary excellence of French pastries.
Friday:	<b>Confectionery (Noun)</b> <i>Definition:</i> A sweet food product, typically including candies, cakes, and pastries. <i>Example:</i> National Croissant Day is a celebration of the finest in confectionery, highlighting the rich flavors and artistry of French pastries.

## Job of the Week: Dental hygienist

### What does a Dental hygienist do?

You'll encourage patients to look after their teeth and gums by:  
demonstrating tooth brushing and flossing to individuals and groups  
giving advice on diet

You'll provide treatments and use dental instruments for:  
scaling teeth (at times under local anaesthetic)  
removing plaque, cleaning and polishing teeth to help prevent gum disease

### Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 106,915  
Essex Jobs: 2,684  
Growth: +87.5%  
Top 5 LEAs: 1. Kent (2,863) 2. Essex (2,684) 3. Hampshire (2,599)  
4. Lancashire (2,461) 5. Hertfordshire (2,047)



### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need to complete a diploma, training programme, foundation degree, or bachelor's degree in a relevant subject, such as:  
dental hygiene  
dental therapy  
oral health science

The programme may need to be approved by the relevant professional body in your country

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £25,978



The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment. Teachers skilfully adapt the curriculum for pupils with SEND so that they become increasingly confident and knowledgeable.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels







# Support with your Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)

## When

4 February 2025

Time 10.30am – 12.30pm

## Where

King Edward Community Centre

King Edward Road

Laindon

Basildon

SS15 6GY

Experienced Family Support Advisers will walk you through the EHCNA application process, offering clear guidance on when and how to make your request, what supporting evidence you'll need, and the next steps to take.

To book your place please [CLICK HERE](#)  
or email us at [basildonp4p@outlook.com](mailto:basildonp4p@outlook.com)  
or call us on 07923 426502



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in our Community